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SUBJECT: UNCLASSIFIED STATEMENT ON NUNN NUCLEAR REPORT

REF: A. USNATO 1531

B. USNATO 1668

1. WE HAVE REVIEWED THE SUMMARY THAT SECDEF SENT TO CONGRESS ALONG WITH THE REPORT ON THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES IN EUROPE, AND OUR SUGGESTED CHANGES TO MAKE IT SUITABLE FOR PUBLIC RELEASE ARE IN PARA 2 BELOW. AS FOR PROCEDURES, MISSION BELIEVES THAT WE SHOULD PROVIDE A COPY OF WHAT WE PROPOSE TO GIVE TO CONGRESS FOR PUBLIC RELEASE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE NPG PERMREPS IN ADVANCE, GIVING THEM AS LEAST FOUR DAYS, IF POSSIBLE, TO REGISTER ANY MAJOR OBJECTIONS. AT THE NPG PERMREP MEETINGS ON MARCH 18 AND 25 (REFS A AND B), THE ALLIES MADE CLEAR THEIR STRONG INTEREST IN PUBLIC HANDLING OF THE REPORT, AND THEIR DESIRE TO BE CONSULTED ON PUBLIC RELEASE OF INFORMATION DIRECTLY AFFECTING NATO. WE SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEM IN THIS CASE IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE GOODRECORD WE HAVE ACHIEVED SO FAR IN CONSULTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. SUGGESTED CHANGES TO SUMMARY:

A. CHANGE FIRST TWO SENTENCES OF PARAGRAPH JUST PRECEDING
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SECTION ON REDUCTIONS TO READ: QUOTE ANY USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY EITHER NATO OR THE WARSAW PACT, HOWEVER LIMITED, CARRIES RISKS OF FURTHER ESCALATION. NEVERTHELESS, IN THE FACE OF THE WP NUCLEAR STRIKE OR OVERWHELMING CONVENTIONAL ATTACK, US AND NATO LEADERS

WOULD USE WHATEVER FORCE IS NECESSARY TO DEFEND THE ALLIANCE.
UNQUOTE. WE WOULD LIKE THIS CHANGE BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN EMPH-
ASIZING INTERMEDIATE NUCLEAR OPTIONS THAT WOULD NOT INVOLVE
WIDESPREAD DEVASTATION.

B. IN SUBHEADING ON REDUCTIONS IN THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF
NUCLEAR WARHEADS WHICH ARE NOT ESSENTIAL...ETC., ADD THE WORK
QUOTE POSSIBLE UNQUOTE BEFORE THE WORD QUOTE REDUCTIONS UNQUOTE.

C. CHANGE SECOND TICK UNDER SECTION ON REDUCTIONS TO READ:
QUOTE US AND SACEUR REVIEWS INDICATE, HOWEVER, POSSIBILITIES FOR
SOME ADJUSTMENTSS IN THE NUMBER OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS CURRENTLY IN
EUROPE. UNITED STATES AND NATO AUTHORITIES ARE STUDYING THESE
POSSIBILITIES UNQUOTE.

D. CHANGE THIRDTICK UNDER SAME SECTION TO READ: QUOTE ANY
PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WITH REFERENCE TO THEIR
POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS ON THE COURSE OF MUTUAL AND BALANCED
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